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A K-State class has
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Foreign policy debate sparks student group discussion

Darrington Clark
managing editor

A small group of students met to analyze and discuss presidential debate issues for the final time Monday during the Foreign Policy DebateWatch hosted by the Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy at 7:30 p.m. in the K-State Student Union.

The Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy was founded at K-State in 2004 with the commitment to change how citizens engage in dialogue about political issues, especially disagreements. The goal of the ICDD is to bring meaningful, effective discourse to political issues, instead of focusing on candidate personality or ideals, in order to deliver the most quality information to voters.

Myles Alexander, project co-

ordinator for the ICDD, said the event fostered the kind of activity that the institute is looking for.

"We need to be more comfortable talking about these kinds of issues," Alexander said. "Tonight was different because a greater portion of those in attendance were here because of the debate, because of the issues."

Alexander was present for the ICDD DebateWatch for the first presidential debate. He said that more students were in

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Jacob Dean Wilson | Collegian

Austin Gerdes, freshman in business administration, watches Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney's closing arguments during the Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy's DebateWatch, held in the K-State Student Union on Monday night.



Manhattan, national briefs

Austin Nichols
news editor
Som Kandlur
staff writer

K-State announces nominees for national scholarship awards

On Oct. 19, K-State announced the university's nominees for the Rhodes and Marshall national scholarship competitions. Two students have been nominated for the the Rhodes Scholarship and three for the Marshall Scholarship.

The 2012 Rhodes Scholar nominees are Justin Prelogar, senior in political science, philosophy and international studies, and Adam Summers, senior in physics. Summers is also a 2012 Marshall Scholarship nominee, along with Amy Sents, graduate student in veterinary medicine and public health, and Angela Grommet, senior in chemistry.

The Rhodes scholarship is awarded to 32 students every year and provides full funding for one or two years of study at Oxford University in England. The Marshall Scholarship is awarded to up to 40 students and will provide full funding for one or two years of study in the United Kingdom.

Competition finalists for either scholarship will interview in November.

K-State has had more than 135 nationally competitive scholarship winners since 1986, including eight Rhodes scholars, 11 Marshall scholars, 26 Truman scholars, 68 Goldwater scholars and 22 Udall scholars.

Manhattan businessman earns place in the College of Business Administration Hall of Fame

Bernard "Bernie" Butler was named Business Leader of the Year and inducted into the Kansas State University College of Business Administration's Distinguished Business Leader Hall of Fame, according to an Oct. 19 K-State press release.

The honor is given by the college to members of the Dean's Business Advisory Council who have excelled in their fields and shown dedications to improving the college.

Butler owns 60 Pizza Hut restaurants throughout Kansas and North Carolina, including the Aggieville location, which is the oldest Pizza Hut still in its original location. Butler has been with Pizza Hut for 52 years.

Butler is also an active community leader, currently serving on the advisory board of the Manhattan Airport. Butler is also a member of the Kansas Restaurant Association and the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce.

Butler is originally from Topeka and attended Washburn University before coming to K-State. He never finished college and went on instead to manage the Pizza Hut in Aggieville, which he now owns.

Scientists and Experts found guilty of manslaughter for supplying false information

Seven scientists and experts in the field of Seismology were convicted on charges of multiple manslaughter by an Italian court on Monday for giving inaccurate and incomplete information about whether smaller tremors before the earthquake of April 2009 were a cause of concern and grounds for an official warning, according to CBC News.

The prosecutors focused on a memo issued in a conference of the Great Risks Commission, a committee which the scientists were involved with, which evaluates the potential for natural disasters. The conference was convened to discuss the matter of frequent tremors and seismic activity experienced in the region.

The conference concluded that while it was "improbable" that there would be a major quake in the region, the possibility could not be excluded. Following the conference the members of the commission gave reassuring interviews to the public stressing that there was no foreseeable chance of a large earthquake.

The 6.9 magnitude earthquake hit Italy in April 2009, leaving 309 people dead and injuring more than 1,500 others. The victims and families of those who died in the tragedy were compensated by the government to an amount between \$52,000 and \$584,000. The decision drew criticism from the scientific community at large, which stressed the inherent unpredictability of earthquakes, while more than 5,000 scientists wrote an open letter to the Italian president in support of the group on trial.

Greek community chants for homecoming



Evert Nelson | Collegian

Alpha Delta Pi members hold up their letters in the very back of Bramlage Coliseum on Monday night for the homecoming event Pant the Chant. The event featured greek houses teaming up to interpret the homecoming theme, "Wildcat Adventures," through stomp and chant routines.

Sydney Pugh
staff writer

The greek community celebrated homecoming week at Bramlage Coliseum on Monday night with a choreographed cheer and stomp performance known as Pant the Chant.

"A lot of hard work goes into these performances," said Allie Radmanesh, member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and junior in pre-nursing. "Some strive to make it more challenging and to try to blow people out of the water. I feel like

the level of competition keeps getting pushed harder and harder each year."

Each sorority and fraternity was paired with two or three other greek houses, and together they practiced and performed their routine.

"We've been practicing for five or six weeks now with several practices each week," said Adrienne Besler, member of ADPi and junior in elementary education. "It takes a lot of practice to try and perfect our routine that lasts for no more than five minutes long."

Each greek house team lined up

and completed its routine for the community and a panel of judges. Every routine interpreted the homecoming theme, "Wildcat Adventures," differently.

"It's always so fun starting the week off with Pant the Chant," said Jenny Steiner, member of ADPi and sophomore in accounting. "I love watching all of the pairings' routines and getting to find out what their takes on the theme are."

The judges were looking for topics based around the volleyball team, the football team, Texas Tech and K-State that related to

the "Wildcat Adventures" theme. The judges also looked at how they incorporated their theme into the chant and if the theme was clear or not.

Other factors that went into judging included the volume of the chant, the stomp routine and whether or not it looked clean and practiced.

"My favorite routine was the one that pulled the sheet over themselves at the end and had Willie pop out of the center," said Alex Notting-

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'Everybody is Gay' presentation informs audience with humor



Hannah Hunsinger | Collegian

Kristin Russo and Dannielle Owens-Reid, co-creators of the advice website "Everyone Is Gay," explain the six things people can do to minimize the destructive effects of the stigma of homosexuality in Forum Hall on Monday night.

Jakki Thompson
staff writer

The audience in Forum Hall roared with laughter as Kristin Russo and Dannielle Owens-Reid spoke about their coming-out stories on Monday night.

Russo and Owens-Reid are the founders of the website Everybody is Gay, an advice website for members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and for people who are questioning their sexuality or their feelings towards other people. Parents, teachers and other members of society also utilize the website for information that Russo and Owens-Reid offers.

"I had seen their presentation at [the South by Southwest Conference] some time ago and absolutely loved them," said Donna Ekart, communications coordinator for K-State Libraries. "They are absolutely funny and awesome. They

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ARREST REPORTS

Editor's Note: The RCPD server was down over the weekend, causing a delay in arrest reports.

Friday, Oct. 19

Dylan Perry Young, of the 2200 block of College Avenue, was book for probation violation, disorderly conduct and unlawful license. Bond was set at \$1,250.

Jermaine Kelley, of the 400 block of Fourth Street, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Andrew David Cole, of the 1800 block of Anderson Avenue, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Thomas Michael Pacelli, of the 800 block of Colorado Street, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Jacob Daniel Bennett, of the 500 block of Manhattan Avenue, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Richard Alan Mullins, of the 3100 block of Lundin Drive, was booked for misdemeanor

theft. Bond was set at \$750.

Lacey Nichole Roath, of Garden City, Kan., was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

Kristen Marie Arensdorf, of the 1100 block of Fremont Street, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Saturday, Oct. 20

Tyler Daniel Peterson, of the 900 block of Garden Way, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Sunday, Oct. 21

Namhoon Kim, of the 3300 block of Pinewood Lane, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.

Jeffrey Matthew Klernick, of the 1400 block of Highland Drive, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$500.

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Golfer returns from two-year mission trip



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K-State's Daniel Wood hits a tee shot during the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate at Colbert Hills Golf Course on Oct. 2.

Gianna Misenhelter
contributing writer

Three years ago, Daniel Wood, education major and redshirt junior on the men's golf team, left the golf team, his friends and his family to go on a two year mission trip in the Dominican Republic.

While going through the recruiting process for college, Wood's plan was to play golf for two years, go on his church mission, then return to finish school and his golf eligibility. Through the process, many schools did not comply with Wood's plan, but Tim Norris, head coach of the K-State men's golf team, gladly welcomed him as a member of the team.

"I understood how important it was to him and I knew that, being such a hard worker, his game would come back to him in a short period of time," Norris said.

In his first two years as a part of the K-State golf team, Wood and the team were successful.

"We had a lot of camaraderie, we

were good, we went to regionals, we did things that we were supposed to do and I missed that once I left that," Wood said, "but at the same time I knew that the mission was something that was important to me at that point in my life."

During his mission trip, Wood and fellow missionaries taught people in the Dominican Republic about Christian and Mormon beliefs.

After his two years, Wood returned to his home in Austin, Texas, and spent about 72 hours with his family before heading back to Manhattan. During his time in Austin, he went with his dad and younger brother to a nearby golf course. It was his first time back on the golf course in two years.

"The golf ball looked a lot smaller than I remembered it," Wood said.

That day on the golf course was challenging for Wood and he hit a lot of errant shots. Prior to his mission trip, the course he played with his dad and brother was very easy to him; he used to shoot scores in the 60s, but that first day back he said he shot

around an 82.

Wood returned to Manhattan after his short visit with his family, and met up with his friends and teammates, who welcomed him with open arms. Within the first few days back he practiced and could not wait to get back on the links at Colbert Hills Golf Course.

"I've never had so much fun shooting in the 80s my whole life," Wood said with a laugh. "It was cool after walking in the streets of a third world country for two years, then go to a beautiful golf course and play golf, it was the coolest experience ever because it was night and day from what I had been living."

Last year, during Wood's redshirt year, he logged numerous hours of practice at Colbert Hills with the help of coach Norris and his teammates. Now he is back in action, competing in the Wildcat lineup this season. He credits the mission for his new outlook on life, especially golf.

"The mission helped me build a lot of qualities that I previously could not have conceived me having," Wood

said. "Golf is a game now, it used to be my life. I love it, I enjoy it, I'm real about it."

Those new qualities propelled him to a second place finish this season at the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate hosted at Colbert Hills Oct. 1-2.

And as for school after life in the Dominican Republic, Wood said that all the sacrifices he made for two years, such as going without a cell phone, laptop, electricity and sometimes even running water have helped him with his school work.

"Now coming back to school, I'm able to say, you know, I have a big assignment due tonight," Wood said. "I'm going to turn the TV off, I'm going to go to the library and leave my cell phone at home, I'm going to have this short-term sacrifice so I can get the job done. I'm better at getting the job done now."

Editor's Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

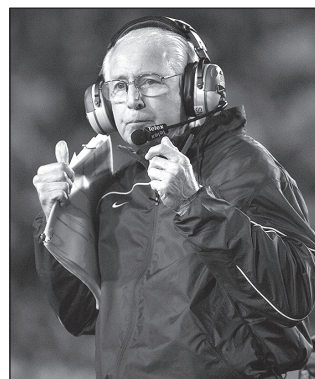
LETTER TO K-STATE

Student support appreciated

Thank you once again to our band, our students and our community members who were at the Vanier Complex at 2:30 a.m. Sunday to greet the team upon our return from West Virginia. I share the thoughts of our players, coaches and support staff that we greatly appreciate and love you for caring as deeply as you do. You are truly a wonderful part of our family.

Warmest regards,

Bill Snyder
head coach, K-State football



Emily DeShazer | Collegian

Head coach Bill Snyder watches K-State defeat WVU Saturday at Milan Puskar Stadium.

Two-minute drill

Mark Kern
sports editor

Cycling

On Monday, Lance Armstrong was stripped of his seven Tour de France cycling titles after a long battle concerning whether or not Armstrong was utilizing performance-enhancing drugs. In an interview with ESPN, Pat McQuaid, president of the International Cycling Union, commented on the issue.

"Lance Armstrong has no place in cycling, and he deserves to be forgotten in cycling," McQuaid said. "This is a landmark day for cycling."

Armstrong's seven titles were the most in history, but now there is a four-way tie among cyclists with five titles.

NCAAF

After suffering an apparently serious injury in the Buckeyes' 29-22 overtime victory over Purdue on Saturday, Heisman Trophy candidate Braxton Miller will be back in action this weekend when the Buckeyes take on the Penn State Nittany Lions.

The sophomore quarterback looked as if he might be out a while when a Purdue defender tackled him by his shoulder pads. Fortunately for Miller, coach Urban Meyer said it was "neck whiplash," according to ESPN.com, and that he will be ready to go for the next game.

NFL: Green Bay Packers

Green Bay Packers defensive back Charles Woodson will miss at least six weeks after breaking his right collarbone on Sunday. This is not his first injury of the kind; the eight-time pro bowler broke his left collarbone two seasons ago in the Super Bowl.

Coach Mike McCarthy said it is not as serious as the previous injury, and Woodson is expected to be back before the end of the regular season.

NFL: Kansas City Chiefs

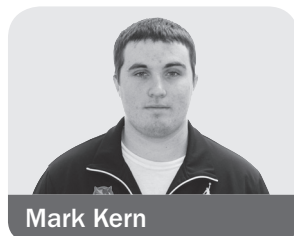
Chiefs fans may finally have their wish as Brady Quinn will take over as starting quarterback on Sunday, even though Matt Cassel has been cleared to play.

Quinn, the former Notre Dame standout, took over for Cassel after he went down with a concussion in the Chiefs' 9-6 loss to the Baltimore Ravens on Oct. 7.

Quinn started against the Buccaneers on Oct. 14, going 22 of 38 for 180 yards and two interceptions, and will look to jumpstart the 1-5 Kansas City Chiefs.

Sound off: the legitimate Super Bowl contenders

With the NFL approaching the halfway point in the season, it is time to separate the pretenders from the contenders. Here is a look at who some of the Collegian staff members consider a legit contender.



San Francisco 49ers

Despite getting blown out by the New York Giants two weeks ago, the 49ers are still in first place in the NFC West and in contention for home-field advantage.

It does not matter whom the 49ers are playing, they are going to have the best defense on the field. Led by Aldon Smith, Patrick Willis and NaVorro Bowman, the 49ers are flat-out nasty on the defensive side of the ball. Running the ball is nearly impossible against them, and with Smith coming off the end, quarterbacks have to get the ball out in a hurry to avoid a sack.

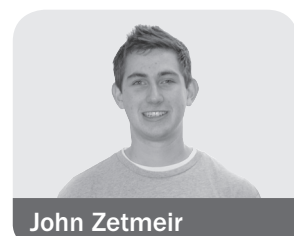
While the offense is struggling, there are plenty of weapons on that side as well. With Frank Gore, you have a running back that

is able to run the ball 25 to 30 yards and wear out a defense while helping set up the play action game for quarterback Alex Smith.

Smith has great playmakers with Michael Crabtree and Vernon Davis, and Davis is able to control the middle of the field.

The key for the 49ers is to play the same type of football they did last year. Too many times this season, they have tried to get cute and make plays that aren't needed when you have a powerful rushing attack like they do.

In the end, Jim Harbaugh is too good of a coach not to make the proper adjustments. With a win over the Green Bay Packers on the road, they showed they can go anywhere and get the win. Look for the 49ers to get rolling in the second part of the season and make a trip to the Super Bowl.



New York Giants

It is not very common for a team to win back-to-back Super Bowls — it has happened eight times to be exact — but I'm a believer

that it will happen this season. Until week six, I was all in on the San Francisco 49ers, but not any longer.

Eli Manning is clearly an elite quarterback. He is one of the few quarterbacks of all time with multiple Super Bowl championships, but he is still criticized constantly.

Last season, the Giants went on a run late in the season, winning six of their last eight regular season games, and ran through the playoffs en route to a Super Bowl victory as the wild card team. This year, the Giants are on a mission.

In the last two weeks, New York has blown out the 49ers and used a fourth-quarter comeback to beat the Washington Redskins. This weekend they have a chance at redemption against the Dallas Cowboys, who beat the Giants in week one.

When you look at the Giants, it all starts with the pass attack. Victor Cruz has emerged as one of the best wide receivers in the NFL. Cruz already has more than 600 receiving yards and seven touchdowns through six games. The duo of Manning and Cruz is a big reason why the Giants have the No. 3 passing offense in all of football.

The Giants also have a very effective running game. Ahmad Bradshaw and Andre Brown have more than 700 combined

rushing yards and eight touchdowns. The only question I have for the Giants is, will the defense be able to hold their weight?

In both the Giants Super Bowl victories in the last five years, it was the defense that anchored the team. This year, however, the Giants rank 21st in passing yards allowed and 23rd in rushing yards allowed.

The season is still young and I believe that New York has too much talent on the defensive side of the ball to continue struggling the way that they are. But after six games, they look like a serious Super Bowl contender to me.



Houston Texans

As the old saying goes, "Defense wins championships."

Other than the six-touchdown debacle that the Texans gave up to the Green Bay Packers on Oct. 14, this defense has suffocated their opponents with a relentless pass rush from the likes of NFL sack leader defensive end J.J. Watt and

has also shut down receivers with their elite group of defensive backs.

This defense, which is in the top 10 in the NFL in total defense, sacks, interceptions and third-down conversions allowed, has led this team to an AFC-best 6-1 record.

What's more is that on the other side of the ball, the Texans also have a scary good offensive unit that can put points up in a hurry.

Quarterback Matt Schaub, whose QB rating sits at a solid 93.1, is a field general for the Texans, while star running back Arian Foster leads the league in rushing (again).

Throw in other names like Andre Johnson, Owen Daniels and Kevin Walter who anchor the perimeter, and you have an extremely potent offense that can score at will.

The only thing that may hold the Texans back is inexperience; last season was the franchise's first trip to the playoffs, in which they lost to the Cincinnati Bengals.

Look out for the Texans, though. What they lack in experience, they more than make up for with their explosiveness, energy and tenacity.

I'd be shocked if this team does not make it deep into the playoffs, if not bring home the Lombardi Trophy to their loyal fans in Houston.

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Restrictions for sex offenders on Halloween unfair



Zach Foley

A new law in Simi Valley, Calif., has banned registered sex offenders from decorating their homes for Halloween. They are also not allowed to pass out candy or to turn outside lights on, and they must post signs stating there is no candy at the residence. All of this makes a lot of sense; these are not the kind of people that I would want around my future children, but I have to wonder if lawmakers have taken things a little too far.

First of all, no Halloween decorations? Holiday decor is, overall, tacky and horrible, but if these people want to decorate their homes there should not be any reason that they cannot. One man who has filed a lawsuit against Simi Valley said that his children are not even allowed to carve pumpkins and put them on their porch. That is just sad.

I'm sure that lawmakers didn't mean to ruin the holiday for these kids, but they inadvertently have. I'm sure that both the children and their parents have already suffered enough for these sex offenders' past indiscretions, so let these kids carve a pumpkin.

If I was one of those kids, I would carve a pumpkin, put it on my porch and if anyone had anything to say about it, I would tell them it is not Halloween decor but simply a fall decoration.

Next, these former criminals are not allowed to pass out candy. I'm not sure if that is for safety's sake



Illustration by Erin Logan

or just so parents can let their kids run rampant on Halloween night without worrying about supervising them.

Honestly, what do they think is going to happen within the 30 or so seconds that they interact with each child? They will ask what the child is supposed to be, give them

some candy and what, pull them into their house, throw them down the stairs and lock them in the dungeon? Seems unlikely to me, but if anything remotely similar were to happen, my first question would be where on Earth were that child's parents?

They should have been two

feet away from their child, not two blocks away at home. I understand that parents are worried about the safety of their children, but if they were around like they should be they could stop any sort of horrible situation before it happens.

Lastly, all lights must be turned off and a sign must be posted

saying that there is no candy at the house. The lights being off makes complete sense. People know that if the lights aren't on, there is no candy at the house and they shouldn't waste their time trying. But for those people not smart enough to realize that the lights aren't on because no one wants to give them candy, there must also be a sign. The sign must have letters that are at least one inch tall. I think this is the point where this law goes from ridiculous to just plain stupid.

The signs may help people know not to bother trick or treating at that residence, but it also lets people know exactly who lives there: a sex offender. Now, the other residents have the right to know, but if this is the way they find out, they could become cruel to their neighbors for their past. Teenagers in particular might go wild with the eggs and toilet paper at these houses now that they know what that person has done in the past. That just doesn't seem fair to me.

Yes, these people have all made mistakes — big mistakes, and I'm not trying to gloss over that fact, but they have all already done the time for their crimes. If they were currently doing anything wrong, they would still be locked up. These people are trying to start their lives over, but the Simi Valley court system is trying to make that completely impossible for them.

If they are going to put these people's mistakes on display for the entire community to see and make them suffer by basically depriving them of Halloween, then everyone should have to own up to their past and pay the same price.

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Anonymity, Facebook not the causes of online arguments, rude behavior



Patrick White

I recently read an Oct. 2 Wall Street Journal Article which brought up the brutish nature of flame wars and other kinds of disputes held exclusively on the Internet. The author, Elizabeth Bernstein, begins by saying that anonymity is a kind of shield people use so that they don't have to face the person they are being belligerent toward.

Being faceless doesn't encourage people to post such things. If that was the case, then people would not keep coming back to continue their arguments in the comments. They would have less involvement if they were only out to cause trouble because they would start the fight and back away in glee. People are instead very invested in proving they are correct. And that isn't a problem; the usage of personal attacks is when everything really turns nasty.

If anonymity were the key force driving this rude behavior, then why are these fights and insults constantly appearing on Facebook and Twitter, where people are anything but anonymous?



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Anonymity doesn't contribute to online rudeness. There are too many other places where unsolicited criticism and demeaning insults are traded. An example of this would be family gatherings such as Thanksgiving. A political argument around the dinner table can get nasty, and these are not just random, anonymous people throwing insults at each other; this is

family. I think the real cause of online rudeness has to do with one's investment in the topic, and that goes both ways. Online, we have people known as trolls, those who cause mischief for fun. They have no investment in the topic and will offer up the most cringe-worthy response to upset

whoever is listening. They are few in number, especially in a social network of friends.

The big problem, I think, stems from those who care the most. According to Phillip DeFranco, a video blogger, in his Sept. 25 YouTube show, people tend to be more vocal over what angers them than what they are happy about. He was speaking about football, but it just as easily could have been any other topic with mainstream attention.

Another reason I disagree with The Wall Street Journal article is its example. Bernstein cites a situation in which one person exhibited troll-like behavior by baiting his friends over political questions on Facebook, questions his friends understandably got legitimately angry about.

I see that Facebook was used as a platform for this and similar fights, but I don't understand how Facebook could be the cause of the user's behavior. The article showed that these arguments do happen but did not give a causal link between platform and action. From the presentation, the person sounds more like a hypocrite in real life than a person morphing into something undesirable once they get online. In fairness, the article was based

off of a study that has not yet been completed and released. However, I still don't think that social networking platforms and anonymity are the cause of online rudeness. I think it is a fight between people who care deeply and are sometimes spurred on by those who don't. Those who care make their claims in a way similar to playing a poker game they have to win and can't back out of. If they lose or withdraw, it means their point of view is wrong and not important. And as the saying goes, all is fair in love and war.

I think the best solution to the problem is not removing oneself from the Internet or getting rid of anonymous usernames; it would be accepting that others can be right at the same time you are. Making people be themselves online, rather than anonymous, just means the people fighting back can play the name game when they retort. The keys to taming the Internet are simple; agree to the dinner table rule (no politics/fighting at family meals), don't fuss over spelling and remember that the best kind of criticism is constructive criticism. I feel implementation of these ideas can keep Internet discussions from escalating into arguments. We all want to think for ourselves, but it is possible to share differing ideas in a civilized manner.

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“ I am dressing up as Maverick from “Top Gun.” I will be socializing. A lot. And handing out candy. ”	“ My roommates and I will probably buy a bunch of candy and have our own mini Halloween. Apartment life! ”	“ I have tickets to see Minus the Bear this weekend, so I'm missing most Halloween parties. But it's a sacrifice I'm willing to make. ”	“ This will be the first weekend in a month where I have not had to go to Kansas City to work my second job. Honestly, I will probably be sleeping. A lot. ”	“ I plan to dress as a reporter and consume a large amount of candy because it is acceptable on Halloween. ”	“ This will be my first Halloween in Manhattan, so I will have to see what the town has to offer. ”
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“ Halloweenapalooza 2012. If you don't know what it is, just ask. ”	“ I don't know. The last three years I've been too broke to do anything so I usually end up spending Halloween alone. ”	“ My roommates and I are having a small Halloween party this weekend and I plan on staying far away from Aggieville. I'll probably be working Halloween day. ”	“ In Aggieville taking photos, of course. You would not believe the things I have seen on this crazy occasion. ”	“ My roommate and I are giving out candy to the kids that trick or treat the dorms and we'll probably watch Halloween movies. ”	“ My friends and I will be going to a pumpkin patch to get pumpkins to carve and then we'll be going out on the town dressed up as different movie characters. ”

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present ideas about the LGBT community without being confrontational about it.”

Owens-Reid originally began a blog focused on lesbians who look like Justin Bieber. She said a lot of people had contributed to the website, but some were offended that Owens-Reid was stereotyping lesbians. She said she didn’t really want that negative attention.

When Owens-Reid and Russo originally teamed up in 2010 to create a Tumblr blog entitled “Everyone Is Gay,” they had no idea how big the concept would really get. Two years later, their website has more than 50,000 readers a day.

During the presentation, they said there had been a string of suicides by young gay people in 2010 that received national attention. Many of the children who were victims of suicide were younger than the age of 13.

“Dan Savage had created the ‘It Gets Better’ campaign advocating to LGBT youth that it does get better,” Russo said. “We had created a video where we advocated more than it just getting better, but also that there are many other people out there who were experiencing similar things.”

Owens-Reid and Russo added their personality and character to the video. Owens-Reid said they had lip-synced in the video to keep it lighthearted even though they were trying to convey a strong message.

With statistics to support their message, Owens-Reid and Russo offered six applicable points to K-State students, staff and community members who attended the event.

“I really liked the six points because they educated people while being funny,” said Zach Bomberger, freshman in international agricultural business. “The humor throughout their entire six points made it have a stronger and longer-lasting impact on people.”

Mercedes Santiago, sophomore in horticulture, said she really liked Owens-Reid and Russo’s first of the six points, which was the simplicity of being nice to people. Santiago liked this because she said she is passionate about equality and

human rights, making it a simple step to follow.

Owens-Reid and Russo also encouraged the audience to volunteer. Whether involvement comes from volunteering at a homeless shelter or spending time working on spreadsheets for a pro-LGBT equality organization, students have plenty of opportunities to contribute.

“I really like the safe spaces concept,” said Wren Michaels, sophomore in microbiology. “Just being open and offering safe spaces to be people can be huge to people.”

Another step Russo and Owens-Reid offered was knowing the school policy. They recommended if university policy is not specific on a given issue, students or faculty should change the policy.

Russo and Owens-Reid also discussed a cluster of nine suicides of high school and middle school students in the Anoka-Hennepin school district in Minnesota that happened from November 2009 to May 2011. The district had a vague neutrality policy in place barring the discussion of homosexuality in schools, but in February, after a great deal of controversy, the district changed its policy to require staff to affirm students’ self-worth.

The final step Russo and Owens-Reid recommended was voting. They advocated this to make sure people have a say in who is being elected into office. They mentioned that voting is one of the most important things a person can do when it comes to issues of equality.

“I really feel like K-State needs more events like this,” Michaels said. “When they were talking about taking the name [being gay or lesbian] out of the situation, it all came down to talking about wanting acceptance from other people. Everyone is human. It’s that simple.”

At the end of the presentation, Owens-Reid and Russo went into the lobby area of Forum Hall to take photos with members of the audience, as well as to sell some of their merchandise.

“Something that everyone should have taken away from this presentation is being kind,” Ekart said. “[Russo and Owens-Reid] advocate making your own little part of the world better. Doing that is something easy and very possible to do.”

DEBATE | Candidates leave out foreign aid

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attendance, but only for class credit.

“I was pleased at how the students participated this time,” Alexander said.

Before the debate began, Bill Richter, lead moderator for the event and professor emeritus of political science, asked the group of students what they expected from the debates. Richter said he expected everyone watching to be looking for new issues not yet brought up in the campaign.

“DebateWatch is happening right now, all across the country,” Richter said. “We should all be looking for that new thing, that unexpected moment.”

The unexpected moment occurs when candidates are asked tough questions that may put them off-guard, according to Diana Carlin, associate vice president for graduate education at St. Louis University and presidential debate expert.

“Debates boil down to portrayals of leadership,” Carlin said in a phone interview. “One of the reasons people like debates is to see how the candidates respond to tough questions. That’s what they’ll have to do as president, so that’s what you’re really looking for.”

Carlin has been involved in presidential debates for years, serving

on the presidential debate advisory board and traveling across the country to lead discussions on presidential debates.

“I’m no longer on the advisory board, I stopped that a few years ago,” Carlin said. “But I’ve watched all the debates, I’ve led two focus groups on them, I’ve done lectures and talked to reporters all over the world. So, I’ve been kind of busy.”

In 1996, Carlin founded DebateWatch, the program that the ICDD hosted, in order to promote education and discussion in her favorite topic. In preparation for the third debate, Carlin had critiques for both candidates.

“President Obama should have the advantage, having experience in foreign policy,” Carlin said. “But one of the problems with being an incumbent is that you have a record. Romney will attack, and it’s difficult to defend yourself in front of thousands of potential voters.”

Alexander found nothing in the debates to be extraordinarily unexpected, while Richter found moments of the debate that surprised him.

“I was surprised to hear Obama say that budget cuts weren’t going to happen,” Richter said, referring to Romney’s allegations that Obama would cut the budget for the military. “It’s something that, up until now, the

media was presenting as a true fact.”

Students at the DebateWatch mentioned foreign aid as an interesting issue they would like to hear more about. Only one candidate mentioned it, even briefly.

“I was listening for foreign aid, because of your questions,” Richter said. “Romney was the only one who touched on it.”

Students had the opportunity to discuss the debate and their voting options once the debate was over. Jenna Surprenant, senior in communication studies, responded to other students who claimed not to have time to vote.

“You can always request an absentee ballot,” Surprenant said. “As long as they get it by election time, it’s fine.”

Carlin hoped that the DebateWatch would prompt more discussion on each candidate’s presentation.

“If you’re decided in your vote, then the debates don’t matter,” Carlin said. “If you’re undecided, you really need to look for how the person presents his vision.”

According to Alexander, the event did just that.

“We need as many opportunities as we can have to experience a political event with others,” Alexander said. “We did it here. It’s certainly possible.”

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Cathie Lavis has taught Horticulture 550, a course designed to teach students to install professional-grade irrigation systems, at K-State for 15 years. After becoming the first college professor to collaborate with the Irrigation Association, recognized as the national authority on the subject, while developing her curriculum, Lavis spent two years teaching the class entirely in an indoor lab.

"After two years of being inside, I went to my department head, and I said, 'I just can't do this anymore,'" Lavis said. "I have to get these kids out in the field."

Lavis, an associate professor, began to devise a plan to put her class to work outside the lab. She contacted local contractors, offering her students as manual laborers to install a system for an exist-

ing client. Lavis initially faced hesitation from university administrators, who feared that aligning a class with a single contractor could alienate their competitors.

"We found a way around that problem," Lavis said. "We use a different company every year, and after the project is done, whichever company sends a bill to the client for all labor and components."

According to Lavis, the client is informed beforehand that the area where the system is installed will be "torn up" for six to eight weeks to allow the work to be done during class time. The client pays a majority of the total bill to the contractor, with 15 percent set aside for Lavis' teaching account to cover parts and labor.

This semester's system was installed at the K-State Gardens facility north of Call Hall. Typically, Lavis said, the system is installed at a location off campus, but several



Students in Cathie Lavis' Horticulture 550 lab work on installing a sprinkler head onto the irrigation system they've been working on in the K-State Gardens since August.

factors influenced her decision to stay on campus this year.

In March, K-State hosted PLANET Student Career Days, a three-day, industry-

sponsored landscaping competition. According to Lavis, all leftover supplies are left with the host school.

"We had irrigation heads, we had pallets of pavers," she said. "We had so much stuff left over from PLANET it wasn't even funny."

Lavis also said that the director of K-State Gardens has wanted an irrigation system for years. The system will be used to water turf, several plant beds and a putting green installed by a golf course class to practice mowing techniques.

According to Andrew McNeive, senior in horticulture and landscape design, installing the system was hard work, but he enjoyed the class.

"We've been out here since August, the second week of school," said McNeive, joking that his class with seven students, as opposed to Lavis' other class with 20, did most of the hard work. "We like to

have fun out here."

Mike Fitzgerald, senior in landscape management and horticulture, said it was interesting to watch the system develop.

"There was nothing here when we started," he said. "We tapped in to the main water line, and next thing you know, we have a full irrigation system in."

Lavis said that water management is one of the subjects she emphasizes most in her class.

"It's very, very important," she said. "I show them all the products in our industry designed to conserve water."

Lavis also noted the importance of her students diagnosing problems within the system and fixing them on their own.

"That's the beauty of it," she said. "When a problem comes up, and they think about it, and the light comes on. It's beautiful to watch."

GREEK | 2013 Student Ambassador candidates quizzed at Pant the Chant

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ham, sophomore in industrial engineering. "I think it was the most unique thing that people have seen and it makes them stand out from the rest."

Student Ambassador candidates were also presented at Pant the Chant. Each candidate answered a question related to K-State during the event. At the game on Saturday, one female and one male candidate will be announced as Student Ambassadors for the 2013 year.

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TOP: Sorority and fraternity members practice their Pant the Chant routine in Memorial Stadium on Monday afternoon before the actual event in Bramlage Coliseum, which took place at 8 p.m.

BOTTOM LEFT: A team of greek students walks towards the stands with purple and white "rags" trailing from their back pockets for their Pant the Chant routine Monday night in Bramlage Coliseum.

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BOTTOM RIGHT: Members of the Delta Delta Delta sorority, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity perform their chant at Pant the Chant. Greek houses were tasked with interpreting the homecoming theme, "Wildcat Adventures," through choreographed routines.



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